

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 18th December 2017

Present: Cllr T Coward (Chair)
Cllrs – K Batty, J Carroll, A Hall and A Thompson
Clerk – J C Carroll

In attendance: 1 member of the public and Matt MacDonald

Cllr Hall gave a brief overview of her trip to London to receive her MBE.

Minute Number		Action By
341/2017	Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Swyer and Troughton.	
342/2017	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
343/2017	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
344/2017	Minutes of Meetings 20th November 2017 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 20 th November were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
345/2017	Public Participation <u>Matt MacDonald – Coniston Institute</u> Mr MacDonald explained about the Valley Project which consists of Grizedale Arts, Coniston Institute and the Ruskin Museum working together on events. Having consulted with the Charities Commission the Coniston Institute is looking to be reincorporate themselves a charitable company limited by guarantee to limit the trustees liability. Mr MacDonald will be drafting the Memorandum of Articles required for this along with a Memorandum of Understanding for future working. A separate Valley charity may be set up to enable these three organisations to work with others within Coniston and in neighbouring Parishes. Mr MacDonald will be arranging a meeting in the New Year between local village halls and other venues that hold events to get them talking and co-ordinate events taking place. In addition, Mr MacDonald will be holding an exhibition in May following on from the Coniston photos Facebook page. There will be an opportunity to scan photographs and annotate them. It is hoped to raise sufficient money to capture the oral history of Coniston as well. In October Mr MacDonald is looking to an exhibition of local artists. Work is also taking place to improve	

	<p>the acoustics of the hall in the Institute to enable live concerts to take place.</p> <p><u>Cumbria County Councillor – Matt Brereton</u> County Cllr Brereton sent his apologies with a report by e-mail. He reminded us about the Community Grants that are available. There is no progress on the Lengthsman’s Agreements although he has raised it as an urgent issue at the Local Area Committee. Stephen Hall's review of these agreements is due "early in 2018" and he is assured this would be before the end of January.</p> <p><u>District Councillor – Anne Hall</u> District Cllr Hall explained that SLDC will continue to offer discounts for those who require it. The Remuneration Panel are looking at increasing Councillor allowances and travel expenses.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> No comments received.</p>	
346/2017	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan</u> Cllr Coward explained she has had a meeting with Mr Davis, Performane & Risk Officer, SLDC. A site is currently being looked for in the village to store sandbags. Only certain people will have access to all the names and telephone numbers in the Emergency Plan.</p> <p><u>To update on the event in relation to the VC plaque for James Hewitson</u> The Church are in the process of obtaining permission from the Diocese to have the plaque positioned in the churchyard and a notice will be on the church gates shortly.</p>	TC
347/2017	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2017/5772 - Fell Side, Little Arrow, Coniston - Single storey rear extension and renovation of annex to front of property RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections</p> <p>7/2017/5771 - Church of the Sacred Heart, Haws Bank, Torver Road, Coniston - Provide new car park gates RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections but would like an explanation of why a planning application was required.</p>	
348/2017	<p><u>LDNPA Development Control Committee meeting regarding planning application 7/2017/5535 - Lands Field, Yewdale Road, Coniston - Creation of coach and car park, and erection of facilities building and mixed use restaurant and shop (A3/A1) on ground floor</u> Cllr Hall attended the Development Control Committee (DCC) meeting and spoke objecting to the planning application on behalf of Coniston Parish Council. The DCC voted 9-0 in refusal of the application.</p>	

349/2017	<p>Coniston Playground RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the quote from Playdale Playgrounds for £139.81 to repair the springer chair.</p>	
350/2017	<p>Highways</p> <p><u>To update on Lengthsman work in the village</u> A local contractor has completed work at Far End and Shepherds Bridge Lane.</p> <p>It was noted once the Brow Steps have been cleared the white paint on the edge of the steps needs re-doing. The LDNPA have been told about the standing water issue on the footpath to Waterhead. There has been no maintenance of the beach area recently by the National Trust.</p> <p><u>To update on the proposed signage in Coniston from Cumbria County Council</u> The signage is being done by Cumbria County Council.</p> <p><u>To update on road safety measures from Ship Inn to Adams Bridge</u> Clerk has requested the Police to attend with speed cameras.</p> <p><u>To review the work required to tidy up highways in Coniston and agree who can carry out tasks in the absence of a Lengthsman Agreement</u> Deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p><u>To consider what highways maintenance items to spend the £200.00 allocated from the District Cllr funding</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Swyer to go ahead and order the required equipment.</p> <p><u>To discuss the Highways Information given out at South Lakeland Area CALC meeting on 30th November 2017</u> RESOLVED: Clerk to write to CALC to highlight the highways issues with problems building up for 5- 6 years and inadequate progress and local knowledge. These issues are frustrating for local residents who are likely to stop engaging with highways.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> The problem with standing water at The Garth by the Campbell Memorial has been reported to SLDC.</p> <p>The gritting undertaken recently has been patchy and there was a car accident at Little Arrow. It was noted that drains have not been sorted and cleared so water flows over.</p> <p>It was noted that resident's hedges on Tilberthwaite Avenue are protruding onto the footpath.</p>	
351/2017	<p>Bluebird Event Working Group <u>To report on the meeting of the Bluebird Event Working Group</u> Bluebird Project would like the proving trial to take place during school holidays to be age inclusive.</p>	

	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs would like to see the event take place outside of school holidays as it would be unmanageable during this time with the number of visitors already here.</p> <p><u>To agree how the Coniston Parish Council will support the Bluebird Event Working Group</u> The Working Group are looking for an event manager and the Parish Council needs to agree if they want to be the lead organisation.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to continue to pay for the Clerk’s time in attending the meetings and associated admin work along with room hire charges but do not want the Parish Council to be the lead organisation.</p> <p><u>To issue a statement with reference to minute number 268/2017</u> RESOLVED: The minute in relation to planning application 7/2017/5535 should read “There is no guarantee that when Bluebird is returning to Coniston”</p>	
352/2017	<p>Coniston 14 Traffic Management & Road Closure RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections to the road closure for Lake Road to A593 as far as Torver for the Coniston 14 event.</p>	
353/2017	<p>County Council’s consultation on its budget plans for 2018/19 RESOLVED: Cllrs can complete the consultation before 8th January https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/budgetconsultation/default.asp</p>	
354/2017	<p>Pre-application Information for Exemption of Coniston Water byelaw RESOLVED: Cllrs support the event for a speed record attempt by an electric boat.</p>	
355/2017	<p>Clerk’s Appraisal RESOLVED: Cllr Coward & Hall will arrange to meet with the Clerk in the New Year.</p>	
356/2017	<p>Dates for Coniston Parish Council Meetings in 2018 RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the dates for Coniston Parish Council meetings in 2018</p>	
357/2017	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Highways need to be informed that the signpost by the bridge and telephone box needs replacing along with the Give Way sign near the Co-op.</p> <p>The footpath sign at the bottom of Dow How needs replacing.</p> <p>Grit piles on the Tilberthwaite and Hodge Close roads have been requested to be replenished along with a check on all grit bins in the area.</p> <p>The footbridge by the bank gets very wet and slippery in icy conditions. It was suggested asking a local contractor to grit this along with other areas in the village. and wet and</p>	

	<p>It was noted there is little light from streetlights on Lake Road by the playground in the dark.</p> <p>A letter has been received from a resident requesting a permanent passing place on Coppermines Lane due to the number of parked cars on this road making it difficult to pass.</p> <p>Where a site is exempt from a licence (where operated by certain organisations e.g. certified local caravan sites) planning permission is not required.</p> <p>Provisional date for showing Coniston film made in the 1960's is Saturday 20th January at 3pm & second showing at 7pm in aid of Coniston Amenities Fund.</p>																							
<p>358/2017</p> <p>359/2017</p> <p>360/2017</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>To agree the precept for 2018/19</u> Deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipts: -</p> <table data-bbox="279 952 1316 1019"> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£79.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC VAT Refund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£380.55</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <table data-bbox="279 1131 1316 1489"> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£329.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Overtime (Bluebird)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£90.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Stephen Airey</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• EON – street lighting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£133.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Mr B Woodend (cleaning road signs x 57)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• United Utilities (Bridge Toilets)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£332.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Coniston Mountain Rescue Team (room hire – Bluebird)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• CALC (Cllr Troughton training)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35.00</td> </tr> </table>	Bridge Toilets	£79.29	HMRC VAT Refund	£380.55	• Clerk's Salary	£329.55	• Clerk's Overtime (Bluebird)	£30.70	• HMRC	£90.20	• Stephen Airey	£60.00	• EON – street lighting	£133.84	• Mr B Woodend (cleaning road signs x 57)	£60.00	• United Utilities (Bridge Toilets)	£332.14	• Coniston Mountain Rescue Team (room hire – Bluebird)	£15.00	• CALC (Cllr Troughton training)	£35.00	
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<p>361/2017</p>	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Report from Reps - for District Association on Thursday 30th November 2017; New General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018; Friday Round up; Highways Information given out at South Lakeland Area CALC meeting on 30/11/17 and request for help; CALC newsletter December January edition • LDNPA – Event Notification Race for Life Hike 19 May 2017; • Cumbria County Council - County Council Budget Consultation • Lakes Parish Council – Plans Agenda for 22 November; Minutes 8th November; Agenda 6th December • Cumbria CVS - : Introduction to Business Planning Continuity - Kendal • SLDC - Annual Review of SLDC Constitution 2018; Parish Remuneration Panel Report 2018-2019; LIPs Funding 2018-19 now open 																							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torver Parish Council – minutes 2 November, agenda 14 December • Hawkshead Parish Council – agenda 21st November; minutes 21st November • Coniston Institute - Ruskin Museum Open Evening • Fred Whitton Challenge - 13th May 2018 - Road Closure • South Lakeland Community News e-bulletin • ITV - New Documentary is looking for Grandparents to take part • Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments - Notification of external auditor appointments for the 2017-18 financial year • Coniston Christmas Lights – receipt of donation 	
362/2017	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 8th January 7pm – Coniston MRT Base – Parish Plan meeting • Monday 15th January 2018 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)